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1. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "ACTIVE NEUTRALISM" DEC. 10, EPMG'S ENGLISH LANGUAGE ETHIOPIAN HERALD CITED ETHIOPIA'S TRADITIONAL POLICY OF INTERNATIONAL NON-INTERFERENCE AND SUPPORT FOR PRINCIPLES OF UN CHARTER. EDITORIAL DECLARED "IT IS A PITY THAT THE FALLEN ETHIOPIAN REGIME WAS BEFRIENDING EVEN CERTAIN NOTORIOUS AGRESSORS IN THE PAST WHEN WORLD PUBLIC OPINION WAS CONDEMNING ATROCITIES COMMITTED BY THE AGGRESSORS IN QUESTION." IT ALSO ATTACKED DEPOSED EMPEROR BECAUSE HE "NEVER CONDEMNED CERTAIN MAJOR ATROCITIES COMMITTED AROUND THE GLOBE."

2. HERALD THEN CALLED FOR "POLICY OF ACTIVE AND POSITIVE NEUTRALISM" AND STATED "IT IS AN INSULT TO OUR TRADITION OF INDEPENDENCE FOR ETHIOPIAN'S FOREIGN POLICY TO BE SUBSERVIENT TO ANY ONE POWER. SURELY, IT IS NOT WISE TO BE THE RUNNING DOG OF
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IMPERIALISTS." EDITORIAL ADDED, "IT IS A FOOLISH DONKEY THAT

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SEEKS THE PROTECTION OF A HYENA"
AND NOTED, "SINCE THE HENA OF IMPERIALISM IS ALWAYS TRYING TO DEVIDE SMALL NATIONS, WE MUST DRAW OUR STRENGTH FROM UNITY."

3. HERALD CONCLUDED, "ACTIVE AND POSITIVE NON-ALIGNMENT, YES* SUBSERVIENCE, NO* FRIENDSHIP SHOULD BE BASED ON MUTUAL RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION. BOTH ON THE NATIONAL AS WELL AS THE INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, THE MASTER-SERVANT RELATIONSHIP SHOULD BE DONE AWAY WITH."

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4. COMMET: PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS AVAILABLE TO US SUGGEST THAT THE EDITORIAL ORIGINATED IN "DIRG." IF SO, IT MUST BE CONSIDERED AUTHORITATIVE AT THIS STAGE. EDITORIAL BOUND BE WIDELY COMMENTED FOR ITS COMMUNIST PHRASEOLOGY AND ANTI-AMERICAN TONE. SUBSTANCE OF EDITORIAL ADDS FURTHER URGENCY TO DEPARTMENT'S RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED IN ADDIS 14658.
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